

CALIFORNIA INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

City Hall Council Chambers

1333 Park Avenue

Emeryville, California

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Victor Weisser, Chair
Norm Covell, Vice-chair
Dennis DeCota
Bruce Hotchkiss
Sheldon Kamieniecki
Judith Lamare
Robert Pearman
Richard Skaggs
Jeffrey Williams

STAFF:

Lynn Forsyth, Staff Services Analyst
Yvette Johnson, Staff Services Analyst

MOTIONS:

1. Committee Member Skaggs made a motion for the adoption of the minutes from the June 25th meeting. The motion received a second from Committee Member Lamare. The minutes were unanimously adopted as written.
2. Committee Member Skaggs made a motion to have Chair Weisser meet with BAR and CARB to discuss the most appropriate way to receive the answers to all of the questions that have arisen from the presentation. The motion received a second from Committee Member Kamieniecki. The motion was unanimously adopted.
3. Committee Member Lamare made a motion to cancel the August meeting of the IMRC. The motion received a second from Committee Member Kamieniecki. The motion was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. A brief discussion was held on the capability of the current tape recording equipment. The high tech tape-recording system that is currently being utilized does not allow for the production of copies of the tape nor for transferring them to a normal tape. The IMRC's intention, is to obtain a tape-recorder that will both be high quality in terms of its ability to record the meetings, and able to make copies of the tapes for members of the public. Until the proper equipment can be located and purchased we will rely on the transcripts for a complete record of the meetings.
2. In order for members of the public to receive the draft minutes of meetings earlier than the system now being used, a copy of the draft minutes will be sent to be posted on the IMRC website at the same time they are distributed to the IMRC Members.
3. Edie Chang, of the Air Resources Board, and Beverly Warner of the Stationary Source Division of the Air Resources Board provided information on voluntary accelerated vehicles retirement programs (VAVR). VAVR is an approach aimed at reducing emissions by providing financial incentives to owners of older vehicles to retire these vehicles from service earlier than they would have been retired, as these vehicles disproportionately contribute higher emissions than newer vehicles. The programs assume that the older retired vehicles will be replaced with the cleaner ones. There are two general types of programs: one is run by the Air Resources Board and the air districts and the other one is run by the Bureau of Automotive Repair and is coordinated with smog check.
4. An extensive discussion took place during which many issues and questions were raised. Among other questions, the IMRC members inquired about the cost effectiveness associated with both of these vehicle retirement programs and asked for a statistical breakdown on the number of vehicles that have been retired and what actual pollution reductions and emission credits have been generated through the programs. There were numerous other questions put forward by committee members and the public. The IMRC chair will provide these questions to BAR and CARB and work with them to identify the best way of obtaining answers and other relevant information.
5. An update was given by Mr. David Amlin of BAR on the status of the reports that are required by statute from BAR and CARB to the Legislature and the IMRC on the smog check program. A consolidated report is expected to be available in September.